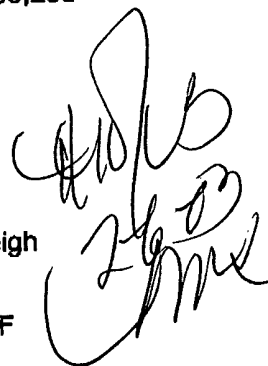


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**AMENDMENT - B**


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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7. (Twice amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 1 wherein at least one component in each of said first, second and third layers comprises a propylene polymer and further wherein said multilayer laminate has a cup crush energy less than 2050 g-mm.
 8. (Twice amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 1 wherein at least one component in each of said first, second and third layers comprises an ethylene polymer and further wherein said multilayer laminate has a cup crush energy less than 2050 g-mm.
 9. (Twice amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 1 wherein said laminate has a Frazier air permeability in excess of 100 cubic feet/minute/square foot.
 10. (Twice amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 3 wherein the first polymeric component of said multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises a propylene polymer having a crystallinity above 70 J/g and further wherein the second polymeric component of said meltblown fiber web comprises an amorphous polyalphaolefin having a crystallinity below about 65 J/g.
 11. (Twice amended) The nonwoven laminate of claim 3 wherein said second and third spunbond layers are extensible and further wherein the first polymeric component of said multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises an elastic polyolefin and wherein said second component of the multicomponent meltblown fiber web comprises an elastic polymer.